

Amendments to the Abstract

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure with the following new abstract of the disclosure:

The present invention relates to a plant for handling and stacking thermoformed containers or lids having at least three projections acting as stacking spacers, at least one of which is arranged at a distance, from a reference center line of the container or lid, that differs from the distance of the remaining projections from the reference center line. The plant comprises, in sequence, a receiving station for a container or lid or a moulding of containers or lids, at least one handling or working station for the containers or lids, a stacking station for the containers or lids, and transfer conveyor for transferring the containers or lids from the receiving station to the stacking station through each handling or working station. At least one of the handling stations includes handling mechanisms arranged to rotate through a predetermined angle every other moulding of containers or lids before or during their transfer to the stacking station, thereby obtaining stacks of containers or lids, where the stacking spacers of a container or lid are angularly offset with respect to those of the next container or lid.